

SEPTEMBER 2, 1915.

CLINTONIANS MONUMENTED

Brief History of Early Settlers and Ministers

FINE NATIVE FLINT MEMORIAL

Erected With Be fitting Ceremonies—
E. M. Peck Chairman—Mrs. Laura
Loomis Removes Veil—Names In-
scribed—Mayor Wendell Offers
Prayer—Fine Dinner—Nearly 400
Present

Nearly four hundred men, women and children attended the dedication exercises of the monument erected in honor of the early settlers of Clinton township and the founders and ministers of the Clinton Baptist church on Aug. 27, at the Clinton church.

A bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the society at noon.

The monument is a natural flint conglomerate from the mountain west of the church, weighing about six tons, standing on a concrete foundation all costing nearly \$150.

The following are the names inscribed on the bronze tablet: In memory of the early settlers of this township, and the founders and ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church.

Norton	Rev. Elijah Peck
Grennell	Rev. John Smitzer
North	Rev. Horace Jones
West	Rev. Charles H. Hubbard
Gaylord	Rev. Alexander Smith
Griswold	Rev. Charles A. Fox
Peck	Rev. Henry Curtis
McMullen	Rev. George V. Walling
Loomis	Rev. Joseph Curren
Ledyard	Rev. James Spencer
Punting	Rev. D. P. Purdon
Saunders	Rev. B. B. Bunting
Davenport	Rev. J. R. Remsen
Arnold	Rev. James Rainey

The chairman of the monument committee, E. M. Peck, after speaking of the consummation of the plans for the memorial called on Mrs. Laura Loomis, a daughter of Francis Griswold, and the oldest living descendant present, (about eighty nine) to remove the flag of the United States with which the monument was veiled.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. S. Wadell, pastor of the Baptist church of Honesdale, which was followed by an offering of laurel wreaths by young girls and boys, fourteen in number, representing the fifth and the sixth generations of the early families named on the tablet. Laurel well becomes a victor, and the early families were victorious in more senses than one, over the wilderness, their own lives and in the influence they exerted over the lives of the oncoming generations.

*Laura Griswold Loomis
(1826-1924) — paternal
grandmother of OELR*

*Laura Griswold Loomis —
aged 89 years*